



**Red Rock Canyon State Park  
General Plan Amendment**

**PUBLIC MEETING #1  
November 16, 2002**

**VERBAL COMMENTS**

- The plan must address & discuss RECREATION, in particular, motorized recreation
- General plan should mention wildlife guzzlers. These wildlife-watering features should be maintained.
- 1) Gem & Mineral 2) Equestrian 3) Hunting 4) backcountry exploration  
These are recreation pursuits that have been historically used in the new addition lands. The plan should investigate these forms of recreation and how they fit into the proposed accepted public uses.
- Will equestrian use be limited in the addition lands? We are concerned... (There is a hope that equestrian recreation will not be restricted.)
- There is a concern about access for miners
- There is a concern about access for off-highway vehicle users
- Restrict vehicular access [from] areas where sensitive archaeological are present
- All archaeological sites should not be identified
- There is a concern that archaeological sites must be protected
- Better bypass route needed in the Cudahy Camp area of Last Chance Canyon
- Please recognize the diverse uses and interests of OHV users
- The plan should address & discuss the rationale for management decisions (e.g., tell us why an area is closed...)
- Do not perpetuate the historic uses of the addition. Cannot have unrestricted OHV uses in the addition.
- Recreation uses are important to maintain and facilitate, too.
- Expand the hiking trail system in the addition
- Keep the opal mine open
- What wildlife are benefiting from wildlife guzzlers? Study this issue to fully understand the types of animals using guzzlers.
- Gem & mineral collection should only occur on unpatented mining claims
- Trails should be clearly marked, in particular hiking vs. OHV vs., equestrian. Separate these uses...



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- Close off areas of highly sensitive/fragile geologic and archaeological sites.
- Study the cumulative effects of activities on adjoining lands upon State Park lands.
- Pure vehicle recreation should not be considered for maintenance within the addition
- Paved trails are not needed in the addition
- Large areas of pavement to accommodate handicap access are not needed.
- Independent route survey effort to identify and mark features/uses of every existing motorized route
- What's the plan?
- Keep existing roads & trails open
- Clarify OHV use (define designation)
  - Green Sticker
  - 4WD
- Explain ex. Mining claims in plan
- Preserve park values
- Study re: artificial water sources what species affected
- Please explain in various SP designations
- Will SP Designations change?
- Who frequents & uses the addition lands? (Staff should study)
- Dutch Cleanser mine hazardous
- Clearing at Red Rock/Inyo-Kern road frequently used by astronomy
- Concern of wash closed East of L.A.
- Need connection from lower Last Chance back to Highway for OHV
- Steep & hard slope at Riparian need a bypass
- What changes are being made and under what direction?
- Hiking, Photography, Equestrian
- Need to provide, protection & interpretation
- Management plan needs to address OHV uses
- Would like meeting in Ridgecrest



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- Plans should address hiking trails
- Primitive camping- lessen impact to scenic values
- Separate OHV from camping
- Close & rehab illegal routes
- Equestrian & Hiking should be separate from OHV & clearly identified
- Consider areas for reclassification
- Consider local economic impact
- Research Section 701 Lang. (CDPA)
- Keep existing roads
- Consider BLM - WEMO roads connection